

arranged to store configuration information pertaining to the network element; wherein the network element is also arranged to store configuration information pertaining to at least one xDSL network element that is located on a lower hierarchical level in the xDSL network.

On page 4, lines 16-17, please delete "characterised in what is said in the characterising portion of the independent claim that is directed to a network." and substitute therefore --an xDSL network comprising network elements on certain hierarchical levels and a network managing station, wherein the improvement lies in that a number of other network elements than the network managing station are arranged to store configuration information pertaining to network elements that are located on lower hierarchical levels in the xDSL network than the network element at which the configuration information is stored.

On page 16, line 20, please delete "involves always" and substitute therefore --always involves--.

On page 28, line 26, prior to "if", please delete "the" and substitute therefore --that--.

On page 28, line 38, following "invention", please insert --also--.

On page 28, line 38, following "changes", please delete "also" and substitute therefore --to--.

In the Abstract:

On page 24, line 1, following "Abstract", please add --of the Disclosure--.

On page 24, line 4, please delete "(201, 202, 203, 211)".

On page 24, line 6, please delete "(302, 401)".

On page 24, line 12, please delete "(404),".

On page 24, line 13, please delete "(408),".

On page 24, line 18, please delete "(406) the".

On page 24, line 20, please delete "(407)".

On page 24, line 21, please delete "Fig. 2".